MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S

AGRICULTURE AWARDS

Honoring Missouri's Greatest Agriculturists

Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture | PO Box 630 | Jefferson City, MO 65102

MISSOURI AGRICULTURE AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

For centuries, Missouri farmers have been providing our nation with the food, fuel and fiber and have assumed the responsibility of investing their lives to provide for others while also giving back to this state's economy. Many have gone to great lengths to advance agriculture.

The Missouri Department of Agriculture would like to commend each and every farmer for their hard work and dedication to the industry. Through the new Missouri Agriculture Awards, we would like to recognize those that stand out for their commitment to innovation, giving back to their communities, committing to good land stewardship and being a great example for future generations.

Award winners are selected annually by a committee of representatives. For guidance, the judges consider innovative farming techniques, examples of commitment to land stewardship, community engagement and leadership.

Nominations can be submitted by any organization, group or individual on behalf of a Missouri farmer.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations for the 2017 Missouri Agriculture Awards must be received no later than Friday, Sept. 15, 2017 at 5 p.m. to the Missouri Department of Agriculture - Award Nomination, 1616 Missouri Blvd., Jefferson City, MO 65109 or emailed to AgInfo@mda.mo.gov (Subject line: Award Nomination).

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

*First Name: _____ *Last Name: _____

Organization, if any: _____

*Mailing Address: _____

*City/State/Zip Code: _____

*Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

TELL US ABOUT THE NOMINEE

*First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ *Last Name: _____

*Home Town: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

CATEGORY (Please check one)*

☐ Farm Innovation ☐ Environmental Steward ☐ Agriculture Education ☐ Food Animal Veterinarian ☐ Ag Volunteer

Legacy Awards: ☐ Soybean ☐ Corn ☐ Pork ☐ Poultry ☐ Cattle ☐ Forestry ☐ Dairy ☐ Rice ☐ Cotton

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide the following additional information, along with the application (space provided on next page).

*Brief description of why you think that the nominee should be recognized with a Missouri Agriculture Award.

*Outline nominee's major contributions to the agriculture industry in Missouri.

AWARD CATEGORIES & DESCRIPTIONS

MISSOURI AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD AWARD

A Missouri producer that has shown great leadership and an example of environmental stewardship while also improving production and profitability. This award recognizes the extra effort and hard work producers do through soil management and health, animal agriculture advancements, reducing nutrient losses and work to conserve and improve the state's land and its resources. Nominees will be judged on current methods as well as their position to meet future economic and business challenges.

MISSOURI FARM INNOVATION AWARD

A Missouri producer that has worked to develop innovative agricultural products or services on their operation through on-farm efficiency efforts, progressive management practices, production technologies and/or marketing approaches. Nominees will be judged on current methods as well as their position to meet future economic and business challenges.

MISSOURI AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LEADER

An educator or advisor in the Missouri school system highlighting the importance of agricultural education to our state's youth while also advising them on becoming future leaders in the industry. This award recognizes teachers, advisors and leaders in primary, secondary and higher education systems. Nominees will be judged on the overall impact they have on upcoming youth in the agriculture system.

MISSOURI FOOD ANIMAL VETERINARIAN

A Missouri food animal veterinarian who has gone above and beyond. This award will recognize a food animal veterinarian who works to protect animal health & welfare, prevent & relieve animal suffering, conserve animal resources, promote public health and advance medical knowledge. This individual must have provided veterinary care for the food production industry through surveillance for emerging diseases, and demonstrated best practices for animal health and well-being of food animals.

MISSOURI AGRICULTURE LEGACY AWARDS

A Missouri producer that exemplified great leadership in their field of agriculture through innovation, land stewardship, value-added opportunities and/or international successes. Nominees will be judged on current methods as well as their position to meet future economic and business challenges. Awardees will be named in the following categories:

(1) Soybean
(2) Corn
(3) Pork
(4) Poultry
(5) Cattle
(6) Forestry
(7) Dairy
(8) Rice
(9) Cotton

MISSOURI AGRICULTURE VOLUNTEER AWARD

A true champion for Missouri agriculture that has dedicated their time to volunteering on behalf of Missouri agriculture through community involvement. This award recognizes those that are doing their part to better the industry by sharing agriculture's story, encouraging youth involvement, enhancing the community in which they live and giving of their valuable time.

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*Brief description of why you think that the nominee should be recognized with a Missouri Agriculture Award. (Not to exceed 400 words)

* Photos and additional information that does not fit the scope outlined may be attached to this nomination form for consideration. (Not to exceed 400 words)

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